

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 727 – HB 715

February 26, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes the coroner or county medical examiner to direct the cremation of an unclaimed dead body.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003652): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes the coroner, medical investigator, or county medical examiner to direct the cremation of an unclaimed body.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Under current law, burial is the only authorized method for disposal of an unclaimed body.
- According to a 2011 limited survey of Davidson County funeral homes, any decrease in expenditures realized, should a coroner or county medical examiner choose to cremate an unclaimed dead body, will not be significant.
- Based on information provided by the Comptroller of the Treasury in 2011, any estimated decrease in local government expenditures experienced as the result of a coroner or county medical examiner choosing to cremate the remains of an unclaimed dead body will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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